

WILSON DETERMINED POLITICS SHALL NOT DEFEAT ARMY CONSCRIPTION BILL.

Washington, April 19.—Administration determined that politics shall not defeat conscription army bill, which army men say is absolutely vital to safety of nation.

President will stand for no compromise. He favors Chamberlain bill, which provides selective draft without modification, and will fight for its passage.

Is his purpose to get bill through senate, then put issue squarely before house. Appears inevitable now that bill will be thrown into conference before final action is taken on it. House will vote on its bill, which includes volunteer feature, next Monday. By terms of the measure the president would be authorized to call for 500,000 volunteers, and, if that fails, to resort to selective drafting; or if the president desired he could put draft system into effect immediately and issue no call for volunteers. This plan shifts whole responsibility for any conscription onto the president.

Senate may reach vote on its bill which is only slightly changed from one president wants before tomorrow night and administration feels no doubt as to its passage in upper house.

While respecting individual viewpoints of those who oppose selective draft, Pres. Wilson is understood to feel that this is not an opportune time for prolonged discussion of details when it is vitally essential to welfare of nation to raise an army at once.

For that reason it appears likely there may soon be something in the nature of a blast from the White House to jar congress into action.

The president is expected to resort to his usual method of putting up to the country the question of support on measures on which he and some members of congress differ.

Nothing is contemplated along the

lines of his "wilful twelve" exhortation, but when he speaks it will be to let country know that those responsible for delay on army bill are jeopardizing safety of the country.

With completion of work on army bill in sight, emergency war program is nearing its end and congress is again talking adjournment.

Many believe session can be ended by June 1.

MORALE OF TEUTON DEFENSE CRACKING UNDER STRAIN

Paris, April 19. — Germany's soldiers reaching panic stage as great drive of Franco-British forces sweeps onward with ghastly toll of Teuton dead.

Today, with Gen. Nivelle's French forces in some places more than five miles behind German lines in Soisson-Rheims sector, official statement told of German retreat in great disorder, of abandonment of big quantities of supplies, of something akin to terror among Germans heretofore held stolid by iron discipline of militarist system.

Tremendous number of prisoners captured by French drive also attests demoralization of enemy, due to their fearful losses not alone in fury of French artillery fire and the dash of troops themselves, but in the slaughter German commanders force on their own men by forlorn hope counter-attacks. By night it is expected total of German prisoners will reach 20,000. Nearly 100 guns have already been taken.

French still driving north of Aisne toward Laon today, meanwhile consolidating their gains of yesterday, the most important since great drive started. For first time since battle of Marne, German invaders have been driven north of Aisne river.

Capture of Mont Haut and several heights, including Hill 223, in Champagne offensive announced today.

Paris.—"Everywhere success" was epitome of official statement, detail-